



St. Michael Catholic Church

Sunday Mass - 8 am

Wednesday Mass - 5 pm

Pope Leo XIV

Confessions -

Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

I was on the deck looking down into the lake from a height and I was mesmerized by the number of fish I saw. I have never seen that many fish at one time in my life. They looked like sunfish with a few crappies and bass intermingled. Two hundred yards in front of me there were fish. Two hundred yards to the left of right there were fish. There must have been thousands of them and there wasn't a fishing pole in sight. They weren't moving very fast. Once in a while they would eat a bug or get nervous at a movement. I wonder if they were checking out places to spawn.

Last week we read about Jesus teaching His disciples how to fish. "Cast the net on the other side of the boat", Jesus said. When they did their nets were filled. That boat, the net, the disciples are the Church as we are. Jesus teaches us how to fish by our celebrating in the Eucharist.

I wonder what is going through those little minds as they receive communion for the first time. Can they know how important this meal is? Do we adults know how important this meal is? Can we see Jesus is teaching us to fish?

There are a few things we can do to help our children get engaged in the Mass. First, we can sit towards the front of the Church. Children need to see what is going on. As a matter of fact, sitting towards the front is a sign we are committed. Secondly, we can talk about the statues, tabernacle, Eucharist, readings, and anything else that pertains to the Mass before and after Mass.

There are books for children that guide them through the Mass. We can talk to children about why the Mass is important to us. There are many ways we can communicate great mystery.

Some may still have trouble being engaged in the Mass. What may be most important to teach our children is the sacrifice of the Mass. Jesus giving His life to us out of love. Jesus wants us to participate in His love. Through our participation in the Eucharist not only do we receive Christ and His love, but we offer ourselves to God. We offer our work, our sufferings, our griefs, and our joys.

As I watched those fish meander through the water, I noticed they were not in a hurry. This cruising the water was a natural process for them. We want the Eucharist to become a natural part of people's lives. Why are we in such a hurry to run to things that are unimportant? Eucharist is a place where we encounter the Lord in a special way but also in a natural way. Eucharist is a good way to slow down life and put things into perspective. Jesus is with us for the long haul. He isn't going away.

God bless,
Fr. Cory Rohlfing

Welcome to all those visiting us today. We invite everyone to continue to celebrate Mass with us at St. Michael's. Please let the parish office know if we can be of assistance to you.

CONTRIBUTIONS

April 19, 2026

Adult Envelopes: \$ 1419.00
Loose Plate: \$ 163.00

Saints of the week

April 28 - St. Peter Chanel
April 29 - St. Catherine of Siena
April 30 - St. Pius V
May 2 - St. Athanasius
May 3 - St. Philip and St. James

Divine Mercy Mass schedule:

Sunday - 8 am, 10 am,
 12 pm (Spanish), 5 PM
Monday - 5:30 pm
Tuesday - 8:30 am
Wednesday - 8:30 am
Thursday - 8:30 am
Friday - 10:30 am at BA
Saturday - 8:30 am, 4 pm

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

May 3

Reader: Donna Lexvold
Ushers: Dave Mund & Jim Donkers
Servers: Mark Mund & Christian LaCanne
EM: Barb Story & Vicki Parrish

May 10

Reader: Mike Chase
Ushers: Tim LaCanne & Tim Karl
Servers: Serenity Overholt & Greyson Overholt
EM: Susan Overholt & Mary Murry

May money counters:
 Lisa Karl & Dave Mund

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

April 30 - Eucharistic Adoration 6:00-6:55 pm
 Lectio: Eucharist 7:00 pm

May 1 - Holy Hour of Reparation 5:30 am

May 3 - Faith Formation Breakfast after Mass

May 7 - Eucharistic Adoration 6:00-6:55 pm
 Lectio: Eucharist 7:00 pm

May 8 - Holy Hour of Reparation 5:30 am

May 14 - Eucharistic Adoration 6:00-6:55 pm
 Lectio: Eucharist 7:00 pm

We pray for all our parishioners, families and friends who are in need of physical or spiritual healing, especially, Thomas Eilen, Jaci Eilen, MacKensie Eilen, Michaela Neuzil, Harold Amundson, Sandy Rumstick, Diana Kelley, Greg Krinke, Bev Watson, Faith Cruz, Simone Boesen, and Brynlee Bemis.

We pray for those in the Armed forces, especially Naomi Bauernfeind.

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Lectio: Eucharist

Acclaimed author and teacher Dr. Brant Pitre digs down to the biblical roots of the Eucharist, through its foreshadowing in the miraculous events of the Old Testament, the Gospels, and Apostolic teaching.

This study will meet on Thursdays at 7:00 pm.

Eucharistic Adoration will be offered before each session from 6-6:55 pm.

Everyone is welcome to join us for all or some of the evening.

Who Is My Neighbor? VBS!

Location: St. Michaels Catholic Church

Date: July 20 through July 24, 2026

Time: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Preschool – Grade 5 and up

Helpers will be next year's confirmation students. I will always welcome help from those who have already been confirmed.



This year at VBS, we will explore the call to love our neighbors! Through a fun-filled time of learning and experiences, children will discover neighbors are more than the people who live next door. This VBS series will lead children deeply into five Bible stories focused on God's care and compassion for neighbors close at hand and around the world. Who Is My Neighbor? will take children on a journey as they discover more about God's great love and what it means to be a neighbor and to live out our faith. Join us as we discover neighbors near and far!

Your child will make new friends, sing fun songs, watch dramatic presentations of the Bible stories, play active games, do art projects, and dig into the Bible.

Our closing celebration will be July 24, 2026, at 11 a.m.

Registration forms will be sent home with the faith formation students, but can also be picked up in the parish office or the faith formation office.

For more information contact Jo Ann Erie - VBS Director

faithformation@kmwb.net or 507-951-1250

The Confirmation class welcome everyone to a breakfast they will prepare on Sunday, May 3 after Mass. Join them for a morning of good food and fellowship!

Are you interested in growing in solidarity with our Catholic brothers and sisters in our partnership diocese of Kitui, Kenya? St. Michael's parishioners are invited to participate in the Living Water program this Easter to "collect change to bring about change" for a better life for those in Kitui. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, parishioners will have the opportunity to grow in understanding about our partnership diocese, and raise some of the funding necessary for life sustaining development projects. Money raised in 2026 will help the Diocese of Kitui increase clean water access and provide famine relief. Thank you for your consideration!

Please return your bottles/donations by May 3.



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